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SUBJ: FRENCH ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL DELEGATION IN
SAUDI ARABIA

1. A THIRTY-FIVE MAN FRENCH EVTNOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DELEGATION SPONSORED BY THE FRECH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EMPLOYERS (C.N.P.F.) AND HEADED M. JEAN GIBERT, CHAIRMAN OF THE MIDDLE EAST COMMITTEE OF THE CNPF HAS BEEN IN SAUDI ARABIA SINCE MARCH 1. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF MEETINGS IN JIDDA THE GROUP IS NOW IN RIYADH FOR TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE MINS ISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE DEPUTY HEAD OF THE CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

2. DELEGATION IS DIVIDED INTO GROUPS REPRESENTING FOLLOWING ECONOMIC SECTORS: ELECTRICALINDUSTRIES; MECHANICAL AND METALLURGICAL INDUSTRIES; CIVIL ENGIN- EERING; CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING; BANKING; CONSULTING; INSURANCE; SHIPPING AND MARINTIME; GENERAL TRADING.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELLOR TOLD US THAT DELEGATION NOT ORIENTED TOWARD NORMAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BUT
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IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION PRO-

JECTS AND INVESTMENTS.

4. INDIVIDUALL MEMBERS OR DELEGATION DID NOT APPEAR
TO BE OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS HERE DURING
BRIEF CONVERSATIONS AT RECEPTION. USUAL PROBLEM OF
FINDING A REALLY COMPETENT FRENCH TO ARABIC TRANSLATOR
CROPPED UP DURING SPEECH BY GIBERT.

5. FRENCH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR PROMISED TO BRIEF US
ON RESULTS AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE.
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